

Burke Fuel first with Ethanol

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Dennis K. Burke is growing green in Chelsea and last week's dedication of the company's first ethanol outlet at its Beacham Street location is the living, real time truth of the matter.

At a dedication ceremony welcoming the new ethanol outlet, hundreds celebrated the opening, including Ian Bowles, director of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Affairs.

In fact, Bowles pumped the first gallons of ethanol into an automobile following the ribbon cutting.

"Burke Fuel has been a leader, in fact, a real pioneer in new biofuels. Cleaner fuels are what the future is all about. The future is here, at Burke Fuels," Bowles said.

City Manager Jay Ash also complimented Burke Fuels, and especially its founder, Ed Burke.

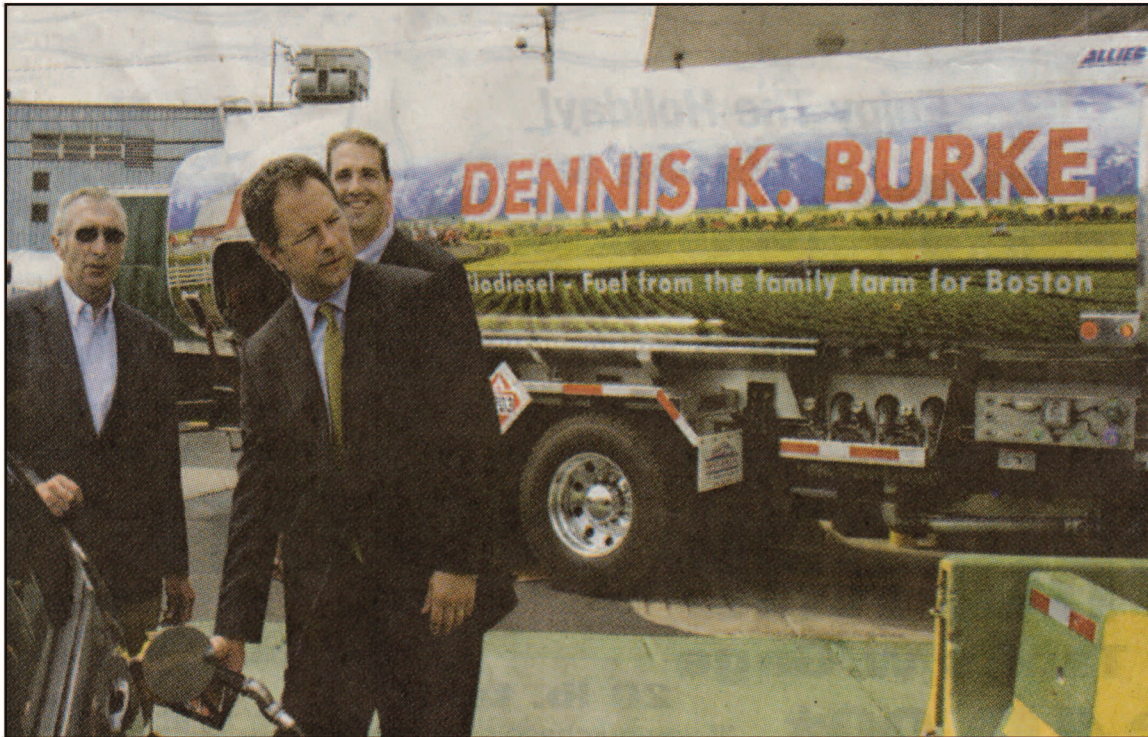
"I can't say enough about the leadership in this industry Ed Burke has shown over the years," Ash said. "It

is a compliment to him and to Chelsea that the results of his leadership has led us to this important dedication."

In May 2002, Burke Fuel opened the state's first biodiesel station on Beacham Street, amid much fanfare.

At that time, Burke said his company tried to take a leadership position in the diesel fuel market.

By stocking ethanol, Burke Fuel has put itself squarely in the middle of the race to break the nation free of its dependence on foreign oil.



Not only did Secretary Ian Bowles speak but he showed some adeptness at pumping ethanol, as he is doing in this photograph. The automobile receiving the ethanol is the first to be filled in Chelsea at Burke Fuel.



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The commonwealth's secretary for environmental affairs is shown making brief remarks at the opening of Burke Fuel's ethanol operation at its Beacham Street location.



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